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<b>TO:</b>	<b>Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Beef and Veal</b>
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**Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Beef and Veal and the Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products - Beefmeat on 7 and 8 May 2015**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products - Beefmeat** will be held on **8 May 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m**

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr Jean-Pierre Fleury, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the preparatory meeting of the Working Party on Beef and Veal which will be held on:

**7 May from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat**  
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by 20 April 2015 at the latest** so we can inform the Commission's services in time.

Please note that **those members of the Working Party who do not return their form in time cannot be taken into account when forming the Copa-Cogeca delegation<sup>1</sup>** that will attend the Civil Dialogue Group meeting.

You will be informed of who has been included in the **Copa-Cogeca delegation by 24 April 2015.**

Please regularly check the "Beef and veal" section on Agri-Info for the latest available documents and to view the papers you will need for the meeting. Please pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Best regards,

Camelia Gyorffy

<sup>1</sup> COPA-COGECA has 16 seats in the **Civil Dialogue Group "Animal Products"**.

## **Draft Agenda**

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1. Adoption of the Agenda and of the Minutes of the previous meeting

### **2. Preparation of the CDG Animal Products – Beef and Veal which will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30-18.00**

- a. Market situation and perspectives, including
  - short-term outlook for the beef and veal sector in the EU (also implications for the beef and veal sector from the end of the dairy quotas)
  - Update on Russian embargo on the beefmeat market and actions taken by the Commission
  - medium-term prospects for beef and veal fattening in EU
- b. Information from the Commission on simplification and reduction of administrative burden for beef carcass classification
- c. Implementation of the CAP (including CMO - art.170 on contractual negotiations in the beef sector – state of play on the antitrust guidelines in the agricultural sector including beef and veal sector)
- d. Evaluation of the beef meat labelling and veal denomination – state of play;
- e. State of play on the country of origin labelling for meat when used as an ingredient
- f. Export opportunities towards third countries and SPS barriers
- g. Update from the Commission on the state of play on the Free trade negotiations (USA) and their impact on the sector;
- h. Developments on the COM proposal on veterinary medicinal products

### **3. Points outside the agenda of the CDG**

- a. BSE and specified risk material – follow-up
- b. Air policy and the impact on the beef sector

FYI, European Environmental Bureau and Eurogroup for animals would like to discuss the following items:

- Estimation of cattle slaughtered outside abattoirs
- State of play on mutilations on beef in Europe
- Estimation per MS on animals slaughtered without stunning
- State of play on production and consumption of beef in Europe (EU total and MS) - forecast for future years
- State of play of the strategic agenda
- The future of beef cattle farming: towards more transparency regarding rearing and feeding conditions, regarding access to pasture, carbon storage and biodiversity?